

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

## ACID RAIN—ENVIRONMENT CANADA FINDINGS

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, here are some interesting conclusions by Environment Canada on acid rain.

The currently planned U.S. clean coal technology initiatives will not provide any measurable reduction in the transboundary flow of U.S. air emissions affecting Canada between now and 1995.

Even after 1995, in the absence of a U.S. acid rain control program, neither the currently planned U.S. clean coal technology initiatives nor existing air pollution control programs will provide any significant reduction in U.S. transboundary air pollution flows for at least the next 25 years.

While about \$1.7 billion of the expenditures appear to meet most of the special envoys' technical criteria, the potential reduction in U.S. transboundary flows will be insignificant and will not alleviate the damage being caused in Canada.

Will the Government act on the findings of Environment Canada and request at the next summit that President Reagan impose pollution controls in the U.S. which would protect the Canadian environment? We hope so.

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## CANADA POST CORPORATION

DENIAL OF SECOND-CLASS MAILING PRIVILEGES TO THE  
CANADIAN LUTHERAN

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, *The Canadian Lutheran*, the national publication of the Lutheran Church, is successor to three previous Lutheran publications, all of which enjoyed second-class mailing privileges.

Imagine the shock experienced by Canadian Lutherans after being advised by Canada Post officials that *The Canadian Lutheran* did not qualify for second-class mailing because it did not contain sufficient material devoted primarily to religion.

In the meantime, under the heading of news or articles of interest to the general public, *Playboy* magazine found favour with the same officials and received second-class mailing registration.

Clearly these matters involve the exercise of judgment and common sense within existing regulations. These arbitrary and inconsistent decisions are typical of a sick postal administration which seems determined to alienate every Canadian.

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I urge the Minister to tell his Canada Post bureaucrats to stop aggravating Canadians and to start serving them.

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## CANADIAN COAST GUARD

POLAR 8 ICE-BREAKER CONTRACT—ROLE OF FORMER  
EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, during the Oerlikon affair we learned that officials from the Department of National Defence who worked on the tendering process subsequently left the Department to work for one of the tendering companies, Oerlikon itself. An obvious conflict of interest took place under these conditions.

Now we learn that a member of the government committee which evaluated proposals for the Polar 8 ice-breaker has joined a consortium competing for the contract, taking with him confidential information provided the team by a rival bidder—obviously another conflict of interest.

Peter Hatfield was a member of the committee which evaluated three proposals for the design of the new Canadian Coast Guard ice-breaker. We now find that he was part of a last minute proposal offered by a newly formed consortium on January 15.

This new formed consortium, including proposal evaluation team member Peter Hatfield, had obvious inside information and therefore was in a position to submit a proposal to undercut those previously submitted. This is a blatant abuse of the tendering process and obviously a conflict of interest.

The federal Government ought to take immediate steps to ensure that not only is justice done in this case but that it is also seen to be done.

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[Translation]

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

## PLEA IN FAVOUR OF PEACE

**Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to read a letter sent to the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) by Rochebaucourt, Abitibi, fifth grader Sylvie Tremblay, the daughter of Rosaire and Cécile Tremblay, concerning International Peace Year.

Mr. Prime Minister:

I have a request to make to you for International Peace Year. You are aware that children are starving in some countries, that there are poor people and orphans, and that nuclear tests are being carried out by various nations. This is why I would ask you to put a stop to such terrifying things so the world may become a better place to live in. I am asking this not only for myself but for you and everybody else, especially for the love of God.